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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN ADMISSION OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REF: CANBERRA 5565

DFA ADVISED ME TODAY THAT PRIMIN WHITLAM ASKED THAT WE BE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS WITH RESPECT TO MY DEMARCH TO RENOUF ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WITH COLLAPSE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR GOA HAS SUDDENLY BEEN PRESENTED WITH A NEW REFUGEE PROBLEM OF PRESENTLY UNDEFINED DIMENSIONS. SEVERAL HUNDRED REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN AND LARGE NUMBERS OF NEW REFUGEES UNDOUBTEDLY WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES. GOA HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON HOW IT WILL DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM IN LONGER TERM. QUITE OBVIOUSLY IT WILL BE HARD PRESSED NOT TO ADMIT MORE REFUGEES WHICH FOR THE PRESENT AUSTRALIA IS ALONE IN DEALING WITH. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PRIMIN FEELS THAT PREFERENCE MUST BE GIVEN TO DEALING WITH TIMOR REFUGEES AND HOPES WE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT TIME TO GIVE DIRECT RESPONSE TO REQUEST MADE TO RENOUF ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.  
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